three days in a week, in view of the increasing passenger traffic to Bhubaneswar?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): Indian Airlines has no immediate plans to provide daily A 320 services between Bhubaneswar and Delhi since the A 320 fleet is fully committed for operation of services in the existing schedule.

Lack of Medical Emergency at Hyderabad Airport

3050. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport Hyderabad lacks emergency medical equipment;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no provision for a doctor at the first-aid centre; and

(c) if so, the measures Government propose to take to improve medicare at the Airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) First Aid Facilities are available at the Emergency Centre at Hyderabad airport round the clock to meet any emergency requirement. First Aid is rendered by the duly trained Fire & Rescue Staff of the airport. The facilities/equipments available are:

Three ambulances, Hospital beds, portable Oxygen cylinders, light weight structures, diagnostic sets, BP apparatus, Ressuscitation apparatus, Emergency surgical equipments, Vacuum suction set, ECG sets, Life saving drugs and other medicines etc. In addition, another first aid centre is also functional round the clock in NTR terminal which may also meet any emergency and is equipped with all the facilities/equipments. Doctors are available on call from the panel of Airports Authority of India.

Construction of hangars at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad

3051. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the delay in the construction of more hangars at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad;

(b) whether it is a fact that Airport land measuring 30 acres has been under illegal occupation for the last 50 years; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Airports Authority of India to reclaim the land and expedite the construction of hangars?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) At present, there are 7 hangars at Hyderabad airport. Tender has been invited for construction of hangars on Built Own and Transfer (BOT) basis.

(b) and (c) At Hyderabad airport, 97 acres of land belonging to the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is under encroachment by about 5300 families. In April, 1994 the rehabilitation package of Rs.9.61 crores from State Government was approved by AAI. In May, 1994 AAI deposited Rs. 1.25 crores with State Government as first instalment towards its contribution of Rs.4.58 crores. In February, 1998, State Government sent a revised proposal with escalated cost estimate at a staggering Rs.42.74 crores. The total revised contribution from AAI as proposed by State Government was Rs. 17.74 crores. The State Government has been requested to reconsider the cost of rehabilitation. There is no immediate operational requirement of the said land, as Government has already approved the proposal of State Government of Andhra Pradesh for construction of a new airport at Shamshabad with private sector participation.

Remedial Measures for Checking False Information of Explosives in Aircrafts

†3052. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that often unknown person give false information of explosives kept in the aircrafts thereby causing great deal of difficulty to the passengers;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any steps to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.